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SUBJECT: PUBLIC SECURITY CONFERENCE

1. INNER MONGOLIA HELD A CONFERENCE FOR MODEL WORKERS ON ITS PUBLIC SECURITY FRONT FROM MARCH 24-30, INCREASING THE PRC EFFORT TO SPRUCE UP THE IMAGE OF ITS POLICE (MARCH 31 BROADCAST). YU TAI-CHUNG, PROVINCIAL PARTY FIRST SECRETARY WHO INITIATED A NATIONWIDE EFFORT LAST FALL OF LEADING CADRES TO ASSIST IN RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION WORK (HONG KONG 11938; NOV. 4, 1974), SPOKE AT THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU (PSB) CAME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION WITH THE RADICAL CALL--ATTRIBUTED TO CHAIRMAN MAO--TO "THOROUGHLY SMASH THE PUBLIC SECURITY, PROCURATORATE AND JUSTICE ORGANS" (SCMP, NO. 4139; MARCH 15, 1968). SINCE LATE 1973, THE PSB'S AUTHORITY IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN THE CITIES HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY BLURRED WITH THE FORMATION OF THE URBAN

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MILITIA (HONG KONG A-33). HOWEVER, CHANGES IN THE NEW

PRC CONSTITUTION HAVE GIVEN THE PSB AND ITS MINISTER,
HUA KUO-FENG, INCREASED AUTHORITY (HONG KONG 0725), AND
THE PSB CURRENTLY APPEARS TO BE GETTING MORE PROVINCIAL
MEDIA ATTENTION THAN IT HAS HAD IN YEARS.

3. EVIDENCE HAS APPEARED THAT THE COURT SYSTEM IS BEING
RECONSTITUTED AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL (HONG KONG 3221) AS
THE REGIME ATTEMPTS BOTH TO RESTORE PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND TO CONTINUE WITH ITS DICTATORSHIP
CAMPAIGN. THE PLA AND THE MILITIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN DE-
CLARED PILLARS OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN, AND THE PSB, AS YET
ANOTHER TOOL OF DICTATORSHIP, NOW APPEARS TO BE GETTING INTO
THE ACT.

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